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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT BRIEFING ON SALT DURING THE NATO
SUMMIT

1. GENSCHER'S AIDE KINKEL HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HOPES TO OBTAIN A
BRIEFING ON THE THEN CURRENT STATE OF THE SALT NEGOTIA-
TIONS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR THE NATO SUMMIT.

2. KINKEL INDICATED THAT THIS FRG REQUEST WOULD COME
OFFICIALLY THROUGH VON STADEN IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER,
WE ARE REPORTING IT SEPARATELY SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT
MAY PREPARE ITSELF FOR VON STADEN'S APPROACH.

3. KINKEL INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT HE BELIEVED THE
CHANCELLOR HOPED THAT ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE COULD
HANDLE THE BRIEFING, WITH THE SECRETARY PERHAPS ALSO
INVOLVED IF POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT SCHMIDT MIGHT ALSO
WELCOME NSC PARTICIPATION IN THE BRIEFING.

4. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT VON STADEN
WILL SAY OFFICIALLY, IT IS CLEAR FROM KINKEL'S REMARKS
THAT THE CHANCELLOR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS
BRIEFING, WITH HIS INTEREST PERHAPS BEING HEIGHTENED

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BY THE SPATE OF PRESS STORIES INDICATING RAPID RECENT
PROGRESS IN THE SALT TALKS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL
THAT AFTER A SIMILAR SPATE OF SUCH STORIES LAST FALL, WHEN
SCHMIDT FELT THAT EVENTS MIGHT BE RACING AHEAD AT A
FAST PACE, SCHMIDT REACTED WITH THE IISS SPEECH IN
WHICH HE PUT SOME GERMAN RESERVATIONS ON THE PUBLIC
RECORD. TO AVOID A SIMILAR REACTION AT THIS POINT, WE

BELIEVE A THOROUGH BRIEFING OF THE CHANCELLOR WOULD BE
EXTREMELY USEFUL. HE IS BASICALLY A SUPPORTER OF SALT
AND WILL PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING
TO DO IF HE IS FULLY BRIEFED AND IF HE DOES NOT FEAR
THAT A SALT AGREEMENT MIGHT DISRUPT THE THEATER NUCLEAR
BALANCE IN EUROPE.
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